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WASHINGTON, June 12, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 6 totaled an estimated 18.5 billion ton-miles, 9.6 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 391.1 billion ton-miles, up 2.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 6 totaled 417,044, up 8.3 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 15.5 percent above the preceding holiday week. This week's carloadings were the highest since the week ended September 29, 1984. Compared with last year, loadings were up 6.7 percent in the East and 10.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 11,033 cars (59.6 percent), while coal increased by 10,729 cars (9.7 percent). Nineteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the Memorial Day holiday week ended May 30 totaled 87,597 trailers and/or containers, 4.2 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of the year was 2,103,349 trailers and/or containers, up 2.9 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/06/87:

	Loadings in Week ended June 6, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,547	I	11,033	59.6	I	4,696	18.9
Other farm products	4,210	D	221	5.0	I	492	13.2
Metallic ores	18,514	D	1,883	9.2	I	1,739	10.4
Coal	121,238	I	10,729	9.7	I	21,874	22.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,972	I	1,364	9.3	I	3,112	24.2
Nonmetallic minerals	10,250	I	546	5.6	I	1,156	12.7
Grain mill products	10,949	I	261	2.4	I	942	9.4
Food and kindred products	11,088	D	29	0.3	I	1,158	11.7
Primary forest products	11,034	I	539	5.1	I	1,277	13.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,319	I	533	6.8	I	307	3.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,894	D	340	2.6	D	239	1.8
Chemicals and allied products	25,696	I	1,915	8.1	I	1,613	6.7
Petroleum products	4,772	D	51	1.1	I	414	9.5
Stone, clay and glass products	11,551	I	641	5.9	I	1,726	17.6
Coke	5,059	I	704	16.2	I	282	5.9
Metals and products	8,784	I	90	1.0	I	157	1.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,608	D	1,623	7.3	I	3,558	20.9
Waste and scrap materials	8,605	I	501	6.2	I	1,306	17.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,895	D	200	6.5	I	599	26.1
All other carloads	74,963	I	7,417	11.0	I	9,675	14.8
LCL traffic	96	I	2	2.1	D	15	13.5
Total Cars Loaded	417,044	I	31,928	8.3	I	55,829	15.5
Corresponding week of 1986	385,116						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (23 weeks)	8,782,446	8,646,486	I 1.6

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

22 Weeks ended May 30	372.5	366.5 (Rev.)	I 1.6
Week ended June 6	18.5	16.9	I 9.6
23 Weeks cumulative	391.1	383.4	I 2.0

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